

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



November 2012



PROGRAM TO BE ANNOUNCED

MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER

AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.

MEETING, 6:30 P.M

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



As you know, our bulletin editor, Bob, K9RHY, packed up and headed out of town. Fortunately he took our copy of Microsoft Publisher with him and will put together two more issues. Of course, this means we have an opening for a new editor. If you would like to apply for this very important position, send me an e-mail. In recognition of Bob's outstanding service to the Club, we voted him in as an Honorary Member for life. Congratulations, Bob on a job well done and thanks.

Well it looks like the remodel at the Sizzler will be our Christmas present from them. Last I heard, the project is now scheduled for December. Since we won't be there then, we may never have to use an alternate meeting location, unless of course it drags on until the fourth Wednesday in January, which is entirely possible. Stay Tuned.

The CQP appears to have been a smashing success. As we have done so many times before, the SDDXC did very well. So far our members or their stations are in first or second place in the SOHP, SOLP, and M/S County Expedition categories. Check the 3830 reflector for complete claimed scores.

In the past month, 10 and 12 meters have been *jumpin'*. I'm hearing a lot of you working new ones all over the world. Our newer members are finally getting a glimpse of what these bands were like during past peaks. At this rate things should get even better over the next few years.

Don't forget to reserve Sunday December 2, 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for our annual Christmas party at NN6R's home in Poway. Party planner Dan, N6ERD is working hard to see to it that you have a fantastic time.

73, John, K6AM

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Ellen, N6UWW



Secretary/Treasurers Report

Statement Balance 9/1/2012 \$3,675.26

Deposit: Visalia proceeds \$3,500.00

Outstanding checks: (July meal reimbursement) \$11.84

(SDDXC Summer Bash) \$200.00

(Aug meal reimbursement) \$18.83

Adjusted balance: \$6,944.59

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The August, 2012 meeting of the SDDXC was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President John Barcroft, K6AM. 34 people were in attendance.

A warm welcome to the meeting...it was HOT!!!

Wayne, NN6R has stepped forward to host the Holiday Party December 2nd 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at his home. Dan, N6ERD is the organizer for the Holiday Party.

Our share of the Visalia convention proceeds was \$3,500.00 thanks to the efforts of John Graf, WA6L for organizing the volunteers from SDDXC.

We are saddened to see Bob Farkaly, K9RHY move out of the area. Needless to say, we are currently looking for a newsletter editor. On the suggestion of Dick, K6GAK, outgoing Bulletin editor, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY was elected an Honorary Member for life for his outstanding service to the Club.

CA CQP teams were introduced. A heated competition between NX6T and K6QK is bound to make for an interesting weekend.

Visitors were Frank, WL7ZU and Kristina, WL7ZT (all the way from Anchorage!), Paul, K6PKS, Jim, WB6ZAM and Dan, AF6JO.

NOTE: The Club has a badge ready for K1GR. Please contact N6UWW for delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen, N6UWW

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE (Expanded)

10/12	10/11	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	5.	W6YI	340	358	358	+5
2.	3.	K6AM	339	348	349	+3
3.	-	K6GAK	338	365	365	NEW
4.	2.	K9RHY	338	349	349	+1
5.	6.	NN6K	337	339	349	+3
6.	4.	W6YOO	337	346	348	+1
7.	1.	W6CN	336	349	349	-1
8.	7.	N0RR	334	355	356	+1
9.	10.	N6CW	332	350	350	+2
10.	8.	W6YA	332	?	?	-1
11.	9.	K6QS	331	335	338	-1
12.	13.	K6ZH	330	339	341	+3
13.	11.	WA6MHZ	329	339	339	-1
14.	12.	N6ND	328	345	357	-
15.	14.	W6ZZ	323	350	351	-1
16.	15	K5OA	319	339	339	+4
17.	-	K6KT	317	339	339	NEW
18.	18.	K0XB	314	321	329	+19
19.	17.	N6XT	314	320	323	+15
20.	16.	WN6K	302	310	324	-

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. Jim, W6YI rockets into number one and the top of the Honor Roll after doing some heavy duty QSL'ing this past year. The rest of the pack makes some nice moves as they report in with their new QSL's. Send me your updates when those cards come in so you won't get left in the dust. There's still plenty of room for a shakeup in the second ten, so you guys get out there and have some fun. We welcome newcomers K6KT and K6GAK into the fray with some very fine totals.

NOTE: MV Island (RI1M) was deleted on Feb 16, 2012. Unless you tell me otherwise, I will assume that you have worked MV Island on phone and CW. Starting with this month's Top Ten, everyone with a C-D total greater than 100 who has NOT sent in a report since February 16th will have their C-D totals on CW PHONE and MIXED reduced by one. Since I don't know which bands you have, those totals will remain the same until your next report. New scores will appear on the next ladder due out shortly.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 331st current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2012. Send your totals to k6am at arrl dot net.

John, K6AM



Editor's Ramblings

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY, Editor SDDXC Bulletin

Before jumping into the cover story in this month's edition of the SDDXC Bulletin, I wanted to take a moment to thank the officers and members of the Club for honoring me through a Life Membership in the SDDXC. That is an honor I will never forget from a great group of DXers and testers that I will likewise never forget. I am humbled by your recognition and just want to say: "Thank you all". Being your Bulletin editor for three (3) years has given me joy and satisfaction and it my hope that you enjoyed my ramblings.

The SDDXC Bulletin is all about the content. And the bulk of the content comes to me every month from the Prez and the Secretary/Treasurer. A "Tip of the hat" to John and Ellen (and their predecessors) who were always timely in getting me their input for every edition.

When the XYL and I decided to leave SoCal, we were looking for a ham-friendly community that had fewer antenna restrictions than Poway. I believe we found that in Knoxville, TN, and we just had our offer accepted for a great 2.5 acre lakefront home.

As I mentioned to John in my email announcing my retirement as editor, I am planning on doing one more issue (through the end of 2012), but because I don't want the Bulletin to disappear, I am volunteering to keep pounding it out until a replacement raises his or her hand. I've had a lot of practice doing the Bulletin now, so it doesn't require the time commitment it did when I first picked up the task. Being retired gives me time weekdays (after the stock market closes) and weekends.

SEDCO/W4DXCC

The weekend following our arrival in Knoxville saw the SEDCO/W4DXCC event take place in Pigeon Forge, TN, about an hour away in the Smoky Mountains. SEDCO stands for the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization. The event was not unlike a mini-Visalia, with presentations by members of the T2T, HK0NA and KH8S DXpeditions. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and the fellowship and plan to attend the 2013 event.

COVER STORY

This month I decided to feature the very recent Kosovo Z60K operation as the cover story. Kosovo may be the next "New One" and that is always exciting. Kosovo has recently declared independence, and the purpose of the recent activation was to support the re-establishment of an amateur radio infrastructure. The visiting hams were joined by a number of local operators. The call sign prefix adopted by Kosovo - **Z6** - is currently an unallocated national prefix.

Kosovo is a contender for "New One" status because September 10, 2012 marked the end of supervised independence of the Republic of Kosovo and the beginning of its status as a fully sovereign state.

According to news reports, an Amateur Radio working group headed by IARU Region 1 President Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T and including IARU Region 1 Executive Committee Member Nikola Percin, 9A5W and Mission Goodwill Kosovo Coordinator Martti Laine, OH2BH together with their associates are in the final stages of assisting Kosovo's Telecom Authorities in drafting regulations governing Amateur Radio in Kosovo, to bring the original Kosovar operators and their re-vitalized Amateur Radio Association back to the international community.

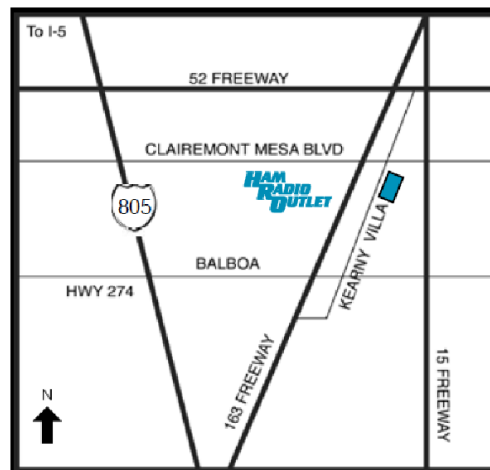
73, Bob



November 2012 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	3-Nov	2100Z	5-Nov	0300Z
ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	17-Nov	2100Z	19-Nov	0300Z
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	24-Nov	0000Z	25-Nov	2400Z
ARRL 160-Meter Contest	30-Nov	2200Z	2-Dec	1600Z



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